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# People at B.C.H.S.



in 1961 . . .







# People at B.C.H.S.

Big and Small . . . Lean and Caloried  
Bright and Brighter

Many people attend our school. As we walk down the halls, we see many different kinds of people. Some are tall while others are short. Many are happy and full of laughter; although some tend to be on the quieter side.

In the classrooms, the students seem to be learning, but they are also having fun. When the bell rings, the students close their books and get ready for their next class. After six hours of classes, the students walk briskly out the door with another school day behind them.

There are many who wish to learn and go on to school, while others are going because they have to. All of these are important in making up what is known as BCHS.

## The Scarab - 1961

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL • BENTON, ILLINOIS



## BENTON HIGH SCHOOL

HERBERT MUNDELL, *Principal*

BENTON, ILLINOIS

May 1961

Students:

On behalf of the *Scarab* staff I would like to present to you your 1961 *Scarab*. In doing so I sincerely hope that this book of ours will help us recall our past school year in the years to come. May we always remember those happy times we enjoyed together. But may we never forget that tragedy which tempered us, the education we received, or the friendships which flourished. Our '61 school year was one of joy and remorse, and may the one never overshadow the other.

Now, in presenting this book, I would personally like to thank all of those both on and off the staff as well as our able advisor, who helped in this book's production.

Students, we give you your book, with the sincere hope that it will measure up to the high standards set by its predecessors. You are the judges.

Respectfully yours,

*James D. Upchurch*

Editor '61 *Scarab*

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More students, teachers, and alumni attend the Homecoming Dance and Game than any other school activity.

## People Were Versatile at BCHS

Everywhere a person looks, people can be seen studying, rushing to classes, chatting in the halls, or doing some kind of work for a teacher. After school hours, many students may be seen at the various games and dances which take place throughout the school year.

Music-minded students take an active part in band and chorus by presenting concerts and going to various contests. Sports-minded students participate in the many school sports. Others choose to apply themselves to their books. No matter how big or what kind of a part the student may play, he is essential to the student body and helps make the versatility of the BCHS people.

The decorations must go up if we are to dance tonight.







Champaign — here we come!

## And People Seemed







Students anxiously await the announcement of a raffle winner.

## to Have More Fun at BCHS Than Anywhere

In the years to come, people will realize that they have had more fun at BCHS than anywhere else. The reasons are many. One of them is that BCHS is the place where most of our friends are. Everyone looks forward to the first day of school when he will see all of his old friends and make many new ones.

Lyceums provide entertainment for the students as well as present an educational program. The pep sessions give the students the opportunity to exert a little of their stored energy by cheering the school team.

Getting ready for the special events of the year such as Homecoming Dance, Junior-Senior Reception, and Graduation, creates many joyous times. Preparing for these occasions is a very busy time for the people of BCHS, but everyone is looking forward to the big events with great anticipation.



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Bingo!





Seniors studying?

When school begins in the early fall, the students seem to find it very hard to settle down to their classroom routine. The upperclassmen generally need a brief review to get the "cobwebs" out of their brains. The freshmen are obviously freshmen because of their uncertainty about who, what, when, where, and why.

As the year progresses, all of the students have homework consisting of book reports, themes, math, workbooks, and most of all, the reviewing for test or exams. Study hall periods are used by the students to get their next day's assignments, reference work, checking out library books, and "napping."

In the spring the underclassmen begin to think about the classes which they will take next year. The seniors are both glad and sad to think of the closing of their high school days.

As the students leave these halls of learning, they will think fondly of the many hours spent at BCHS.



Back to the books.





Chemistry students anxiously await a chemical reaction.

## People worked hard and studied . . .



Shop teacher, Charles Doty, instructs a student on how to use a wood-lay.



Students listen to one of the educational lyceums



People hurry to board the busses that will take them home at the close of another school day.

After the people have gone, the halls are empty and lifeless.

**For without the people, there would be no . . .**





# Personalities . . .

The spirit of B. C. H. S.



MR. HERBERT MUNDELL  
BCHS Principal



## Our Principal . . . a dedicated individual

This year marks the ninth year Mr. Mundell has served the community as principal of Benton Consolidated High School. Being the principal of a high school requires many hours of hard work and valuable time. Above all a principal has many duties to be responsible for such as, making decisions on school policies, deciding holidays, grade periods, time schedules, and filling out hundreds of reports, but he still finds time to give aid, advice and assistance to students, faculty and employees.



Headquarters of a busy institution.



Registrar, Irene Mrogenski and  
secretary-treasurer, Joan Vincent.



## Keepers of the Record

Irene Mrogenski, our efficient and capable registrar, is constantly busy answering questions, changing schedules, answering telephone calls, and issuing tardy permits.

Joan Vincenti has filled the positions of both secretary and treasurer and should be commended on her ability to serve the demands of B.C.H.S.

## Men Behind the Scene

The school board of B.C.H.S. has provided educational facilities for the future citizens of our community and at the same time help our school on a sound financial bases. They are men whose only payment

for their time and consideration is the reward of seeing the communities students have better educational opportunities.



Ward Phillips, Carl Ingram, William Frank Payne, Mike McCarty, Vern Mitchell, Glenn Lahmann, Wallace C. Rice.



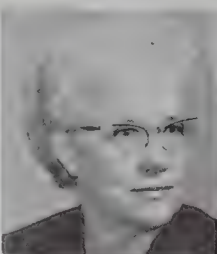
Verbal Adkisson  
B. S. SIU  
Health



H. M. Aiken  
B. S. U. of Ill.  
Biology



Margaret Armentrout  
B.Ed. SIU  
M.A. U. of I.  
Latin



Kirby Browning  
B.S. SIU  
M.S. SIU  
English



Ellen Burkhardt  
B. A. U. of Wisc.  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
English



Bonnie Collins  
B. Ed. SIU  
Study Hall



Lucille Craddock  
B. Ed. SIU  
Home Economics



Charles Doty  
B. S. SIU  
M. S. SIU  
Industrial Arts



B. L. Finley  
B. S. U. of Ill.  
M. S. U. of Ill.  
Voc. Agriculture

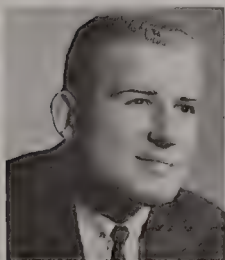


Ray Heinzman  
B. Ed. SIU  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
Business

## You Inspire Us Anew as We Face the Obstacles of Life

The teachers are a very essential part of B.C.H.S. Throughout a school year, they suffer the pains and

pleasures of working with a group of students of many personalities.



Richard Herrin  
B. S. McKendree  
M. S. SIU  
Drivers Education



Alberta Hidritch  
B. S.  
Shurtleff College  
M. S. SIU  
History, Latin



Pat Hollada  
SIU  
Physical Education



Jane Kirsch  
B. S. U. of Mo.  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
Problems



Louise Little  
B. S. Library Science  
Murray Kentucky  
Library



Jim Lynch  
B. S. SIU  
Mathematics

Edward Miller  
B. S. SIU  
M. S. SIU  
English

John R. Miller  
B. S. SIU  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
Speech

Etna Morrison  
B. A. U. of Kansas  
M. A. U. of Michigan  
Mathematics

Mildred Neal  
B. S. SIU  
Mathematics



Mary Alice Pribble  
B. S. SIU  
Business English

Dallas Rea  
B. S. SIU  
M. S. SIU  
Guidance D O

Imogene Rea  
B. S. ISNU  
English

Claude Rhodes  
B. S. ISNU  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
Physical Education

Glenn Schmitz  
B. A. SIU  
Chemistry Physics

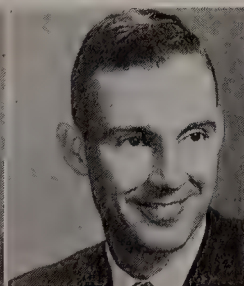
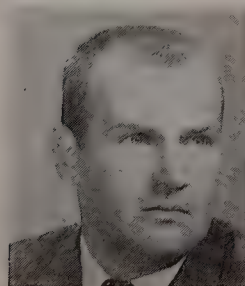
## Thus Making Us Better Citizens For Tomorrow

The teacher's job does not end when the dismissal bell rings. They must attend and participate in various school and community activities. They also sponsor school clubs which is a job within itself.

In addition to the required work, many teachers choose to study farther into their chosen field and become students themselves so that they might learn how to become more helpful to their students.



Ernest Shephard  
B. A. U. of Ill.  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
History French



Harry Stewart  
B. S. SIU  
Mathematics

Charles Taylor  
B. Music Ed., SIU  
M. Music Ed., SIU  
Band Chorus

Glen Trulove  
B. Ed. SIU  
M. A. U. of Ill.  
Health

Marjorie Trulove  
B. S. U. of Ill.  
M. S. SIU  
Shorthand Typing

Mary Webb  
B. S. U. of Ill.  
M. A. Columbia, Mo.  
Home Economics



Mike Moss  
President

Mary Ann Eskew  
Vice-president

Virginia Knight  
Secretary

Janice Foster  
Treasurer

Mr. Claude Rhodes and  
Miss Verbal Adkisson  
Sponsors



## Class of 1961



We've made it. The long awaited day has finally arrived. We meet it with mixed emotions. We are happy to have attained our graduation, but we reluctantly leave our many friends and teachers.

We truly believe that we shall always cherish our four wonderful years here at Benton Consolidated High School. It is with both happiness and sadness that we leave the halls of BCHS for the last time; with happiness for the many wonderful opportunities we have had and the events we have enjoyed, and with sadness that we shall never be together as a class again.

So we say, "Good-bye, BCHS. Thanks for all the privileges that we have enjoyed here."





JIM UPCHURCH  
TED DONOSKY  
BOB BRIDGES

LANA BARMINSKI  
DIANA SHEW  
LINDA SMITH

TERRY SMOTHERS  
TERRY COOK  
RICHARD BOHLANDER

## Outstanding Seniors

Each year the members of the faculty, office staff, and the principal of Benton High School have selected the seniors who they feel are the most outstanding and have done the most for the school. The students were chosen on the basis of their leadership, attitude,

scholarship, personality, character, citizenship, and their participation in activities. The students were not chosen entirely upon their achievements in their senior year, but they were judged on these qualities during their entire four years.



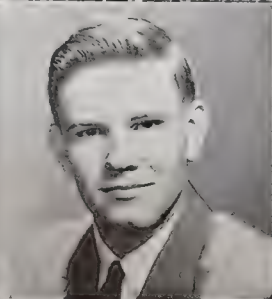
## Our Years at BCHS



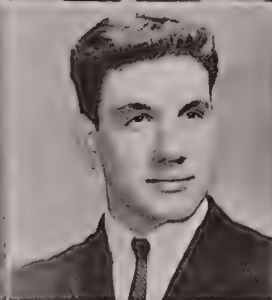
**Gene Anderson**  
Transfer from DeKalb  
**Mary Bain**  
GAA; FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri  
**Lana Barminski**  
Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Echo  
Staff; Scarab Staff; Mu Alpha  
Theta, Treasurer; Honorary  
Commencement Usher; Physics  
Club, Vice-President; Band;  
Solo Twirler, Drum Majorette,  
Vice-President, District and  
State Music Contests; Lions'  
Honor Banquet; Homecoming  
Attendant



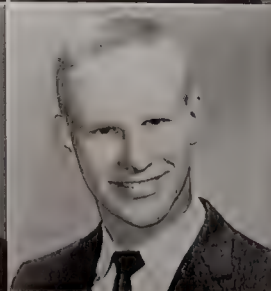
**Charles Baxter**  
Transfer from Burlington,  
Wisconsin  
**Ferrel Bennett**  
**Darla Biggs**  
FHA; Chorus; History Club;  
FBLA; Echo Staff; Hi-Tri;  
Speech Club



**Barbara June Blunt**  
Hi-Tri; History Club; FHA;  
FBLA; Youth for Christ;  
Speech Club; Thespians, Sec-  
retary; GAA; Pep Club; Echo  
Staff; Speech Contest; Debate  
Team  
**Richard Bohlander**  
Latin Club; Scarab Staff;  
Sophomore Class President;  
Junior Class President; Junior  
Play; Physics Club; Mu Alpha  
Theta; Student Council; Grad-  
uation Marshal  
**Tom Bolen**



**James Robert Bridges**  
History Club; Hi-Y, Chaplain;  
Band, Treasurer; Echo, Co-  
Editor; Latin Club; FTA;  
Concession Worker  
**Larry Bruno**  
Speech Contest; Speech Club;  
Thespians, Vice-President  
**Mary Burgess**  
FHA; FBLA; GAA; History  
Club; Youth for Christ; Social  
Rhythm Club; Hi-Tri



**Karin Elaine Canada**  
FHA, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Vice-President; Hi-Tri, Coun-  
cil Member; FBLA; Make-up  
Club, Secretary, Treasurer;  
Pep Club; GAA  
**Sandra Ann Chance**  
Hi-Tri, President; Homecom-  
ing Attendant; Sophomore  
Class Secretary; FBLA; Latin  
Club; FHA, Board Member;  
Social Rhythm Club; GAA;  
Youth for Christ; Pep Club;  
Teen Town Secretary  
**Leon Clinton**



# Are Fast Drawing to a Close

**Don Cochrane**

**Terry Gordon Cook**

Latin Club; History Club;  
Physics Club; Dance Band;  
Football; Basketball; Track;  
Band

**Ronald Corbin**

DO

**Marjorie Cox**

Pep Club, Treasurer; FNC;  
Youth for Christ; FHA, Board  
Member; GAA; Daisey Mae;  
Sophomore Class Treasurer;  
French Club; Art Club;  
Speech Club, Speech Contest;  
Thespians, President; Hi-Tri,  
Council Member, Treasurer;  
History Club; Junior Play;  
Scarab Staff

**Rick Crawford**

Key Club; Physics Club; Band,  
President; Latin Club;  
Basketball; Dance Band

**David Dalby**

Band, Solo Twirler; Latin  
Club; FTA; Lions' Honor  
Banquet; Speech Club, Speech  
Contest; Junior Play;  
Thespians, Parliamentarian;  
Echo Staff; Physics Club;

**Sue Dallape**

FHA; GAA; FBLA; Youth for  
Christ; FNC; Band

**Jeanette Dann**

Hi-Tri; FBLA; FTA, Histor-  
ian; Chorus; Speech Club;  
Echo Staff; Honorary Com-  
mencement Usher; Latin Club

**Phillips Darnell**

Football; Track; FFA

**David Day**

FFA

**Stephen Deiro**

Latin Club, Treasurer; Key  
Club; Mu Alpha Theta, Vice-  
President; Physics Club;  
Football

**Diana Denham**

Transfer from Lyons; Hi-Tri;  
FBLA; FHA; Speech Club

**Linda Dethrow**

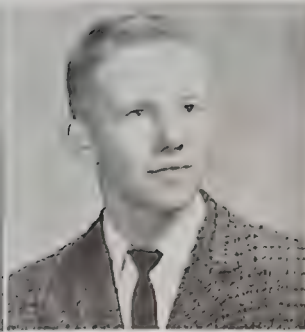
Hi-Tri; Echo Staff

**Arthur Carl Dobrzynski**

Latin Club; Mu Alpha Theta;  
Physics Club; Hi-Y

**Ted F. Donosky**

Freshman Class President;  
Student Council, President;  
Latin Club, President; Physics  
Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Scarab  
Royalty Attendant; Lions'  
Honor Banquet; Teen Town  
Council

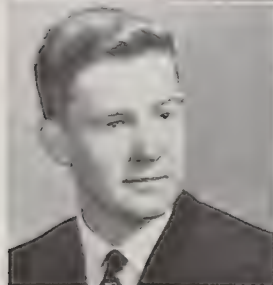




## We Will Always Remember



**Linda Lou Dorris**  
FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri; Letter  
Girl; Teen Town Council;  
FNC  
**Sue Doty**  
FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri  
**Mary Ellen Drew**  
FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri



**Larry Lee Dugger**  
Hi-Y, Secretary; Latin Club;  
Band; District and State  
Music Contest  
**Sandra Dugger**  
Hi-Tri; Band; FHA; Youth  
for Christ; FNC; GAA; Pep  
Club; Echo Staff; FBLA;  
Latin Cub  
**Jim Eldridge**



**Diane Erwin**  
FBLA; FNC; Lions' Honor  
Banquet; Hi-Tri  
**Mary Ann Eskew**  
FBLA; Student Council;  
Senior Class Vice-President;  
Homecoming Attendant; Hi-  
Tri, Secretary; Latin Club;  
Lions' Honor Banquet; Pep  
Club; Scarab Staff; GAA;  
Scarab Royalty  
**Mary Fahey**  
GAA; Hi-Tri; Pep Club;  
Chorus; Latin Club; Speech  
Club; Physics Club; Youth for  
Christ, organist; Echo Staff;  
Scarab Staff; Baccalaureate  
organist



**Dan Falcomata**  
Football; Track; Key Club  
**Juanita Marie Farmer**  
FHA; History Club; Youth for  
Christ; FBLA; Social Rhythm  
Club; Transfer from Chicago  
**Avis Merle Fierberg**  
Band, Twirler; Social Rhythm  
Club, President; FNC Vice-  
President; History Club,  
Treasurer; FBLA; Hi-Tri;  
FTA; Speech Club; Debate  
Team; GAA; District and  
State Music Contests; Echo  
Staff; Scarab Staff; Latin Club



**Ann Fingerhut**  
FHA; Latin Club; Pep Club;  
History Club; Youth for  
Christ; Chorus; Hi-Tri; Social  
Rhythm Club; FBLA  
**Judy Finn**  
Band; Chorus; History Club;  
Youth for Christ; FBLA;  
FHA; FNC; Hi-Tri; Echo Staff  
**Janice Foster**  
Latin Club, Vice-President;  
History Club, Secretary;  
Youth for Christ; Hi-Tri;  
Speech Club; Honorary  
Commencement Usher; FBLA;  
GAA; Mu Alpha Theta; Social  
Rhythm Club; Lions' Honor  
Banquet; Senior Class Treas.



# Those Sad and Joyous Times

## Roberta German

FNC, President; History Club; FBLA; Band; District and State Music Contests; Social Rhythm Club, Secretary; GAA; Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Speech Club; Youth for Christ

## Glenda Faye Gilliam

Scarab, Feature Editor; Echo Staff; Hi-Tri; Speech Club; Youth for Christ; Lions' Honor Banquet; Mu Alpha Theta; Pep Club; Latin Club; History Club; Honorary Commencement Usher; Math Field Day

## Denise Lynn Griffith

FHA; Pep Club; GAA; FNC; Youth for Christ; Hi-Tri

## Sharon Lea Guy

FHA; Hi-Tri; Lions' Honor Banquet; History Club; Youth for Christ; Junior Play Usher; Honorary Commencement Usher; FBLA; GAA

## Kay Haithcoat

FHA; GAA; FBLA; Band; FNC; History Club; Hi-Tri

## David Hall

Football; Track

## John Hamilton

FFA; History Club

## Karen Sue Hand

FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri; Junior Play Usher

## Sondra Hartman

FNC; Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Pep Club; FBLA, Secretary; Youth for Christ, Treasurer

## James William Haskins

Speech Club, President; Hi-Y, Treasurer; Thespians, Sergeant at Arms; History Club; FTA; Youth for Christ; Concession Worker; Track; Junior Play

## Elizabeth Paulette Hayes

FHA; Hi-Tri

## Linda Heard

FBLA; FHA; FNC; History Club; Hi-Tri

## Mary Ellen Hedges

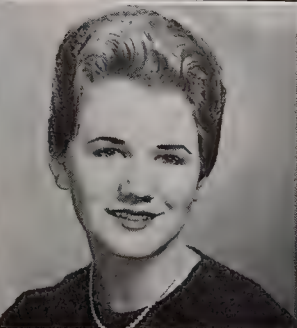
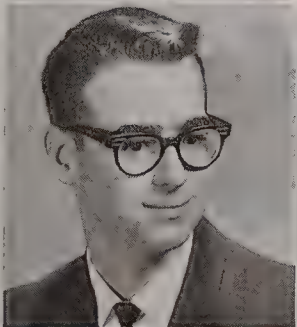
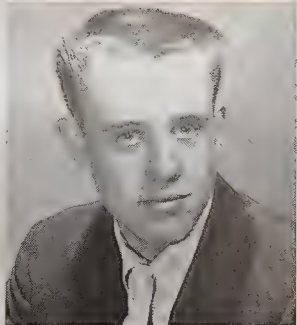
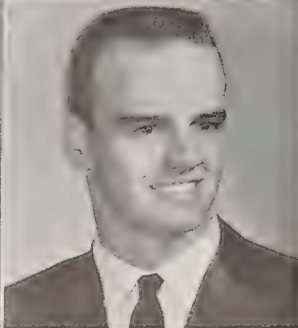
History Club; Youth for Christ, Singer; Chorus, President, District and State Contest; Hi-Tri; FHA; FNC, Treasurer; Chemistry Club; GAA

## Joyce Ann Hefner

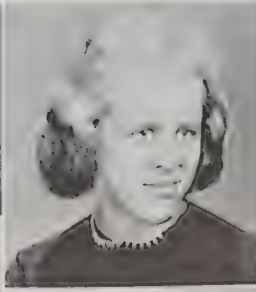
FHA; Hi-Tri

## Judy Herbert

FHA; Hi-Tri



## From Our Bashful Freshman Year



**Gerald Higginson**  
**Everett Hines**  
 FFA; Basketball  
**Roberta Hofstetter**  
 FHA



**Jim Holman**  
**Ronnie House**  
 Football; Track; FTA; Youth  
 for Christ; Debate Team;  
 Physics Club  
**Gary Hutchcraft**  
 FFA, Vice-President



**Sherry Ann Hutchens**  
 FHA; GAA; FBLA; Social  
 Rhythm Club; Hi-Tri  
**Bob Jones**  
 FFA; Physics Club; Mu Alpha  
 Theta; Youth for Christ  
**Mary Alice Jones**  
 Hi-Tri; FHA; FTA; Echo  
 Staff; Spanish Club; Chemistry  
 Club; Pep Club, Secretary;  
 GAA; Speech Club, Speech  
 Contest, Debate Team;  
 Thespians, Secretary,  
 Treasurer; Chorus; Youth for  
 Christ, Vice-President; Girl  
 Scouts, Secretary; History  
 Club; Junior Play; Make-up  
 Club



**Kenny Keigley**  
 Youth for Christ; History  
 Club; Spanish Club  
**Marshall Kennedy**  
 DO  
**William Alvin Kerley**  
 Football; Basketball; History  
 Club, Vice-President; Track;  
 Youth for Christ



**Dennis Kern**  
 FFA, President; Youth for  
 Christ; Football; Track  
**Mark Kern**  
 FFA; Mu Alpha Theta;  
 Physics Club; Lions' Honor  
 Banquet; Basketball  
**William Earl Ketteman**  
 Spanish Club; Hi-Y; DO,  
 President



# To Our Unforgettable Junior Year

## Lynn Knapp

Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Lions' Honor Banquet; Baccalaureate Usher; GAA; Pep Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Physics Club; Junior Play; Scarab Staff; Echo Staff; Speech Club; Secretary; Thespians; Chaplain; Speech Contest

## Virginia Knight

GAA; FHA, Board Member; French Club; Youth for Christ; FTA, Song Leader; Hi-Tri; Chorus; Senior Class Secretary

## Beverly Jo Kolisek

FHA; FNC; FBLA; Latin Club; Echo Staff; Scarab Staff; Make-up Club Pres.; Hi-Tri; History Club

## Sharon Koschuch

FHA, Board Member; History Club; Library Club, Historian, Secretary, President; GAA; FBLA; FNC; Hi-Tri; Chorus; Pep Club; Concession Worker

## Joyce Kuykendall

Hi-Tri, Council Member; FHA; Speech Club; Make-up Club; Youth for Christ; FNC; Junior Class Secretary; DO

## Nick Lenard

Hi-Y; History Club; Physics Club

## Richard Lenard

Key Club; FTA; Football; Basketball; Track; YFC; History Club; Latin Club; Physics Club

## Susan Link

Hi-Tri; FHA; Speech Club; Youth for Christ; FBLA; GAA; Pep Club; Echo Staff

## Jim Luster

## Vernon Markel

FFA

## Gary May

French Club; Speech Club; Junior Play; Youth for Christ; Track; Hi-Y, Vice-President

## Phyllis McAfoos

Hi-Tri; Band; FHA; Youth for Christ; History Club, Secretary, Treasurer; Echo Staff; Pep Club; Junior Play; FBLA; GAA; Social Rhythm Club; Youth for Christ, Singer

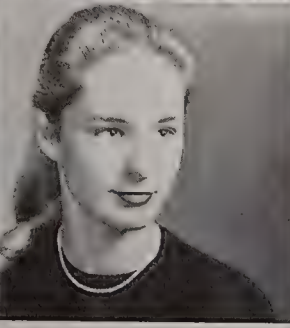
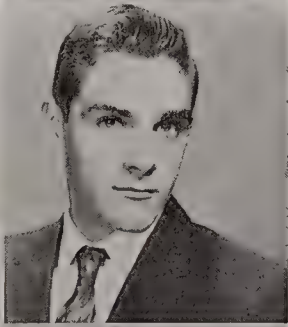
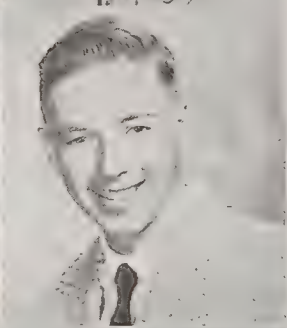
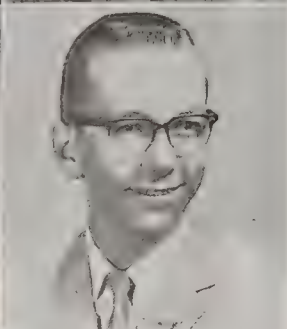
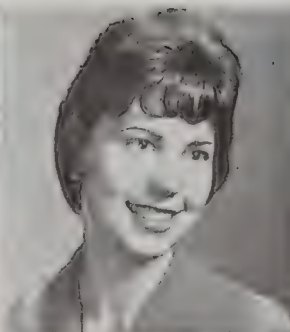
## Wayne R. McClendon

## Sharon McCollum

Hi-Tri, Council Member; FHA, Parliamentarian; Courtesy Queen; Homecoming Attendant; Student Council, Secretary; FBLA; Pep Club; Homecoming, Scarab Queen

## Mary McCommons

FHA, Board Member; Youth for Christ; FNC; Hi-Tri; Echo Staff



## Our Play a Success



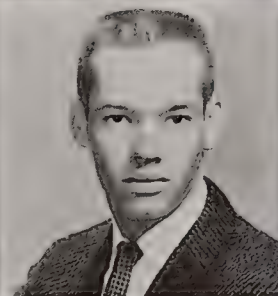
**Kay McGill**  
Letter Girl; Youth for Christ;  
Speech Club; Band; Hi-Tri  
**James Allen McPherson**  
**Brenda Gay Midyett**  
Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Junior  
Play; Honorary Commence-  
ment Usher; Lions' Honor  
Banquet; Mu Alpha Theta,  
Secretary; FBLA; Echo Staff;  
GAA; Pep Club; Youth for  
Christ; Math Field Day



**Gene Miller**  
Football; Basketball; Track;  
Key Club; Physics Club,  
Secretary; Scarab Staff, Sports  
Editor  
**Gene Mitchell**  
Football; Track; Teen Town  
Council; Little Abner  
**Alice Moake**  
Transfer from McLeansboro;  
Art Club; FTA; FNC; Youth  
for Christ; FHA; FBLA; Hi-  
Tri; History Club; Scarab  
Staff



**Marilyn Morris**  
FNC; Speech Club; Latin  
Club; French Club, President;  
Daisey Mae; Echo Staff; Hi-  
Tri  
**Mike Moss**  
Latin Club, Secretary; Scarab  
Royalty, Scarab Royalty King;  
Key Club, Vice President;  
Speech Club; Senior Class  
President; Football, Co-  
Captain  
**Donna Norcross**  
Hi-Tri; Pep Club; GAA;  
FHA; FBLA; History Club;  
Library Club, Vice President,  
Treasurer; Scarab Staff;  
Cadet; Concession Worker



**Mike Owens**  
Football; Basketball; Track;  
Key Club  
**John Page**  
FFA  
**Diann Pemberton**  
FTA; FBLA; FNC; Youth for  
Christ; Latin Club; Band



**Nancy Ann Peyton**  
Mu Alpha Theta; Youth for  
Christ, President, Treasurer;  
Scarab Staff; Speech Club;  
Honorary Commencement  
Usher; FNC; Lions' Honor  
Banquet; Pep Club; Latin  
Club; History Club; FTA; Hi-  
Tri; Girl Scouts, Treasurer  
**John A. Phillips**  
Latin Club; Mu Alpha Theta;  
Physics Club; Hi-Y, Vice-  
President; History Club  
**Jack Potts**  
Football; Basketball; Track;  
DO, Vice-President



# Our Prom Heavenly

## Penry Poulson

Youth for Christ; FNC;  
Speech Club; Pep Club; Latin  
Club; Echo Staff; Scarab  
Staff; DO; Thespians  
**Tony Rex Pratt**  
**Ronnie Raby**  
Speech Club

## Elaine Rector

FHA; FNC; Youth for Christ;  
FBLA

## Dale Reed, Jr.

Echo Staff; Transfer from St.  
Louis

## Edith Nell Reed

Latin Club; Treasurer; Band,  
Secretary, District Contest;  
FNC, Treasurer; Baccalaureate  
Usher; Hi-Tri; Concession  
Worker; Echo Staff; Lions'  
Honor Banquet

## Marvin Reed

Football; Track; Speech Club;  
Thespians; Key Club;  
Freshman Class Treasurer

## Dee Rice

FBLA; Latin Club; FNC;  
Freshman Class Secretary;  
Scarab Royalty Attendant;  
Echo Staff; Scarab Staff;  
Cheerleader; Pep Club; Hi-  
Tri; Physics Club

## Doug Rice

Student Council; Mu Alpha  
Theta; Physics Club

## Gordon Rice

Football; Chemistry Club;  
Track

## Rosemary Rice

FNC; Pep Club; Youth for  
Christ; Latin Club; History  
Club; FTA, Treasurer; Speech  
Club, Treasurer; Thespians,  
Clerk; Lions' Honor Banquet;  
Honorary Commencement  
Usher; Echo Staff; Scarab  
Staff; Mu Alpha Theta;  
Speech Contest

## Kenneth Richardson

Mu Alpha Theta; Physics  
Club, President; Math Field  
Day

## Donna Rock

Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Echo  
Staff; FTA, Secretary; Physics  
Club; Youth for Christ;  
History Club; Cadet; Lions'  
Honor Banquet; Girl Scouts,  
President; Baccalaureate  
Usher

## Sharon Rowe

Hi-Tri; FHA; FBLA

## Marilyn Ruemmler

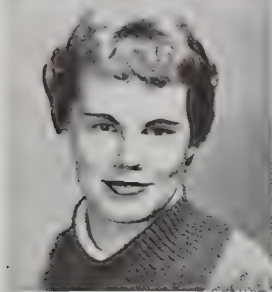
FNC; Youth for Christ; GAA,  
Secretary; Mu Alpha Theta;  
Latin Club; Physics Club;  
Honorary Commencement  
Usher; Hi-Tri; Pep Club



## And Then Came Our Senior Year!



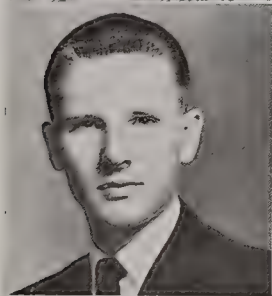
**Carol Runnels**  
Band, Assistant Director, State and District Band and Chorus Contest; Chorus, Treasurer, Outstanding Chorus Member, All-State Chorus; All-State Band; Pep Club; History Club; Youth for Christ, Pianist; Scarab Staff; FTA, Reporter, Parliamentarian; FNC; Speech Club; GAA; Cadet; Latin Club; Hi-Tri  
**Marilyn Kay Sanders**  
FHA; Hi-Tri; FBFA  
**Frank Sandusky**



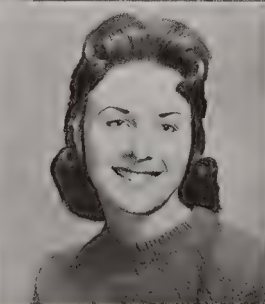
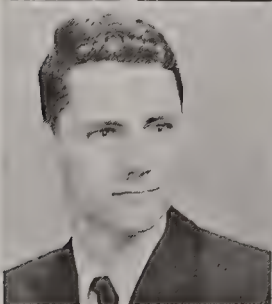
**Ruth Ann Schulz**  
FBFA; GAA; FHA; Band, District and State Contest; Youth for Christ; Hi-Tri  
**Carolyn Sears**  
Hi-Tri; Latin Club; FHA Library Club, Secretary; DO, Secretary, Treasurer; FNC  
**Diana Shew**  
Cheerleader; Echo Staff; Latin Club Vice President; YFC; FBFA; Homecoming and Scarab Royalty; Hi-Tri  
**Lions' Honor Banquet;**  
Honorary Baccalaureate Usher



**David Shockley**  
Spanish Club; Chemistry Club  
**Loma Shreves**  
Hi-Tri; FHA; FBFA  
**Gordon Sims**  
Latin Club, President; Hi-Y; Speech Club; Physics Club; Debate Team; Echo Staff



**Gary Sink**  
FFA; Physics Club; Mu Alpha Theta, President; Lions' Honor Banquet; Math Field Day  
**Linda Sue Smith**  
FHA, President, Board Member; Hi-Tri; FNC, Secretary; Echo Staff  
**Sally Smith**  
FHA; GAA; FBFA; Hi-Tri



**Terry Smothers**  
Echo, Co-Editor; Physics Club; Hi-Y, Secretary; FTA, President; Scarab Staff; Latin Club  
**Carolyn Sneed**  
Chorus, State Music Contest; FHA; FBFA; History Club; Hi-Tri; GAA  
**Marietta Spencer**  
Hi-Tri, Council Member; Lions' Honor Banquet; FHA; GAA; Pep Club; Student Council; Youth for Christ; Letter Girl; Social Rhythm Hi-Tri; Lions' Honor Banquet; FHA; GAA; Student Council; YFC; Letter Girl; Social Rhythm Club; Sophomore, Junior Vice President; Scarab Staff; Junior Play; Echo Staff; Thespians



# We Thought It Would Never Come

**Dick Stewart**  
Delores Ann Stockton  
FHA; GAA; FBLA; History  
Club; Youth for Christ; Hi-  
Tri; French Club; Social  
Rhythm Club  
**Austin Story**  
Spanish Club, Vice-President;  
Football; Track; Mu Alpha  
Theta; Junior Class Treasurer;  
Hi-Y, President; FTA, Vice-  
President



**Jerry Stringer**  
Freshman Class Vice-  
President; Student Council,  
Vice-President; Key Club,  
President; Scarab Royalty;  
Football, Co-Captain;  
Basketball; Track  
**Sharon Rahlene Struble**  
FHA; GAA, Vice-President  
**Rosie Stull**  
FHA; FBLA, President; Hi-Tri



**Max Jo Summers**  
Latin Club; FTA; Football;  
Track; Youth for Christ;  
Physics Club

**Ruby Lynn Taylor**  
FHA; Hi-Tri; FBLA

**Carl Tedrow**



**Nedra Ann Terry**  
FHA; Hi-Tri

**Joyce Kay Todd**  
Hi-Tri; Youth for Christ

**Jim Upchurch**  
Latin Club; Band, Vice-  
President; Mu Alpha Theta;  
Math Field Day; Echo Staff;  
Scarab, Editor; Lions' Honor  
Banquet



**Sue Upchurch**  
Hi-Tri; FHA, Board Member;  
Scarab Staff; History Club;  
French Club; GAA; Speech  
Club; Youth for Christ;  
FBLA; Cadet

**Brenda Kay Vanhorn**  
Hi-Tri; Echo Staff; FBLA;  
Chorus

**Terry Watson**  
Physics Club; Transfer from  
Marion; Football



# How Did It Get Here So Fast?



**Sandra Webb**  
FHA; FBLA, Treasurer; Hi-Tri; Pep Club; Echo Staff  
**Sue Webb**  
FHA, Historian, Board Member; FNC; GAA, President, Outstanding GAA Member; Hi-Tri; Junior Play; Speech Club, Vice-President; Thespians, Parliamentarian; Band; History Club; Youth for Christ; Chemistry Club  
**Jim Wells**  
Football; Track; Physics Club; Speech Club; Stage Manager for Junior Play; Thespians

**Jane Wertz**  
FHA; FBLA; GAA; Hi-Tri  
**Ruth Ann West**  
Hi-Tri; FHA; History Club; Youth for Christ; FTA; GAA; Social Rhythm Club, Vice-President; FBLA  
**Donna White**  
Transfer from Herrin; Hi-Tri; FHA; Cheerleader; Speech Club, Secretary; FBLA

**Cathy Whittier**  
Transfer from Sparta; FHA, Parliamentarian; Hi-Tri, Council Member, Vice-President; Speech Club; Scarab Staff, Scarab Royalty; Echo Staff  
**Bill Wiggs**  
Youth for Christ; History Club  
**Edna Wiggs**  
Hi-Tri

**Barry Williams**  
Speech Club; Chemistry Club; Latin Club; Football  
**Charles Williams**  
Physics Club  
**Maurice Williams**  
Physics Club, Treasurer

**Mary Winemiller**  
FHA; Hi-Tri  
**Sue Woolard**  
FHA, Board Member; Pep Club; Hi-Tri, Council Member; Library Club, Secretary, Treasurer; Scarab Staff; History Club; FBLA  
**Marie Zinzilieta**  
FHA; Concession Worker; FBLA; Cadet; Hi-Tri; DO

**Those Without Pictures**  
Willard Overturf  
Eddie Stevens



Marvin "Butch" Reed,  
member of the class of 1961.



## In Memorium

The tragic auto accident which caused the death of Marvin "Butch" Reed will never be forgotten.

Butch was a seventeen year old senior who was liked by all. His death was a loss to every member of

the student body, from the freshmen, who admired his laughing ways and his athletic abilities, to the seniors, his friends and classmates of over twelve years. All the memories which we had of Butch did not die with him, but sprang to light anew.

## They've Found the Way To Our Stomach

The cafeteria help who begin early and work hard, spend considerable time in planning and preparing the meals which are served each day. These energetic ladies are Anna Hill, Louise Sanders, head cook, and Gladys Adams.



## Taxi

The bus drivers are the taxi-cab drivers of BCHS. They begin early on their long routes and always get the students to school whether rain or shine. Their job requires patience and consideration. They are Humbert Bennett, Clarence Jones, Kenny Shoemate, Falgar Pearce, Charles Randall, Walter Kennison, Caleb Lowery, and Amos Russell.

## Man-Powered Vacuum Cleaners

The maintenance staff is the ever important personnel who keep our school in good order. This staff is responsible for the clean and well-kept rooms in which we work throughout the year. Felix Owens, Kenny Shoemate, Caleb Lowery, Walter Kennison and Bill Saunders are the members of the staff.





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## Activities . . .

BCHS clubs offer wholesome opportunities for many activities. Here, Latin Club students congregate at their annual Saturnalia,



*Queen Sharon McCollum and King Mike Moss*

Every year the student body at Benton Consolidated High School selects ten people to be *Scarab Royalty*. These people are chosen by the student body by secret ballot. The *Scarab Royalty* consists of a king and queen and eight attendants. Each class chooses one girl and one boy from their class to be attendants. The whole school chooses the king and queen, who both must be seniors. This year the student body of Benton Consolidated High School chose Miss Sharon

McCollum for Queen and Mr. Mike Moss for King. The attendants from their respective classes were: seniors, Miss Mary Ann Eskew and Mr. Jerry Stringer; juniors, Miss Judy Short and Mr. Terry Thomas; sophomores, Miss Judy Pate and Mr. Larry Saxe; freshmen, Miss Betsy Payne and Mr. Clark Hunter. These people who were chosen by their classmates are the ones who stand out in their school activities and in their friendly dispositions.





MARY ANN ESKEW  
JERRY STRINGER



JUDY SHORT  
TERRY THOMAS

## *Scarab Royalty*



JUDY PATE  
LARRY SAXE



BETSY PAYNE  
CLARK HUNTER



Jim Upchurch, Editor; Mary Taylor, Assistant Editor; Glenda Gilliam, Feature Editor; Rosemary Rice, Business Manager; Gene Miller, Sports Editor; Mariella Spencer, Class Editor; Mr. Kirby Browning, Sponsor.

## The Pulse of the School

The *Scarab* is the yearbook of BCHS. All of the students look forward to the day they will receive their *Scarabs*. The *Scarab* is composed of pictures of the students, their school activities, the teachers, the principal, the board members, the office staff, and the clubs. The *Scarab* presents an account of the school year and the activities throughout the year. It also gives a summary of the various clubs, their main purposes, and their activities. An accurate account of the scores of the football games, basketball games, and the track meets during the year are recorded in the *Scarab*. This book is the historical record of the school year.

The *Scarab* does many things to raise money during the year. Last summer the staff workers sold tickets to the Grand Ole Opry and also sold cokes at the night performance. At the beginning of the year, the staff members raffled off a 1961 *Scarab*. Many of the town merchants support our yearbook by putting an ad in its ad section.

There is much work done each year by the staff to make the *Scarab* a yearbook everyone will enjoy. A great deal of thought is needed to write the stories, and the writers spend many hours preparing their work.

This year, the *Scarab* staff and its sponsor, Mr. Browning, have done their very best to make this year's *Scarab* the most enjoyable and best *Scarab* ever made.





Terry Smothers and Bob Bridges, Co-Editors; Linda Smith, News Editor; Lana Barminski, Feature Editor; Rodney Goessman, Sports Editor; Brenda Midyett, Business Manager; David Dalby, Circulation Manager.



## The Resounding Voice

The *Echo*, "the voice of the school," is the school newspaper which comes out every two weeks. The *Echo* plays an important part in informing the students of BCHS on the happenings in and around the school. The policy of the *Echo* is to try and print news about every student.

The *Echo* was started in 1925 and was published twice a month by the Press Club. During this time the paper was supported by the circulation and advertising. Today the paper is supported by advertising and the enrollment of the students who receive the paper.

Another source of making money is the *Echo* Carnival which is held annually. Each club and class participates by having a booth of many different varieties. Candidates are chosen from each class to run for "Daisy Mae and Little Abner," and are elected by a penny vote. At 10:00 o'clock, everyone meets in the old gym to greet the new *Echo* staff and the new Daisy Mae and Little Abner.

The members of the staff are strictly volunteers. The meetings are held to discuss ways of improving our school paper.





Kenneth Richardson, President; Lana Barminski, Vice-President; Gene Miller, Secretary; Maurice Williams, Treasurer; Mr. Schmitz, sponsor.

## Einstein-itis

The Physics Club is newly reorganized this year. The members of the Physics Club are seniors who are taking physics. The Physics Club meets every first and third Tuesday night of the month. At the meetings, the members learn many interesting facts about analytic chemistry and physics.

One of the projects of the club this year is to visit the Science Fair at Carbondale. Some of the members are also sending projects to the Science Fair.

## Progress is our product

The Chemistry Club is a club whose members are juniors and seniors, all of whom are taking chemistry this year. The purpose of the club is to prepare its members for college chemistry and work requiring the knowledge of chemistry. The meetings of the club are held on Tuesday nights. Many experiments which could not be done in class are performed during the meetings. The members get a better understanding of chemistry through these experiments and explanations.

Danny Alexander, President; Tom Threewitt, Vice-President; Terry Thomas, Secretary; Billy Conner, Treasurer; Mr. Schmitz, sponsor.





## Little Helpers

The cadets are very helpful around the school. Each hour one girl serves as a cadet to the office. They do odd jobs in the office in addition to collecting absentee slips and distributing the daily notice. Girls are selected every year for this job.

## Democracy in Action

The Student Council is an organization that strives to help govern the school. The members are selected from their respective classes along with the president and vice-president of each class.

This governing body is in charge of all lyceums, assemblies, class elections, and the raising and lowering of the flag. The club sponsors a dance sometime during the year and also helps with the Homecoming Dance by selling tickets.

Letha Doty, Juva Stringer, Donna Pock, Janice Gifford, Carol Runnels, Jeanette Dann, Donna Norcross.



Ted Donosky, President; Jerry Stringer, Vice-president; Richard Bohlander, Secretary; Wiley Hall, Treasurer; Miss Jane Kirsch, Sponsor.







**BAND OFFICERS**—Rick Crawford, President; Lana Barminski, Vice-president; Edith Reed, Secretary; Bob Bridges, Treasurer.



**TWIRLERS**—Lana Barminski, Drum Majorette; David Dalby, Solo Twirler; Avis Fierberg, Nikki Doty, Dixie Glover, Sandy Glover, Carol Milton, Twirlers.

**LETTER GIRLS**—Kay McGill, Marietta Spencer, Linda Dorris, Phyllis Treece, Sharon Hall, Paula Barrell.

## Music, Maestro, Please

The Benton High School Band is one of the busiest organizations of the school system. The band marches in the Labor Day Parade, the Homecoming Parade, and Memorial Day Parade. The band also puts on halftime shows at the home football games, and plays for commencement exercises.

At Christmas, in combination with the chorus, the band presents a concert free to the public. The band sponsors many fund raising campaigns such as selling candy bars, fruit cakes, and presenting "Stunt Night." Each year the band selects two members to go to the All State Band Clinic, held at the University of Illinois.

The band consists of fifty-three members. Throughout the year, individual members and groups are asked to perform for other civic organizations. Band members also participate in district and state contests.





CHORUS OFFICERS—Mary Hedges, President; Juva Stringer, Vice-president; Carol Runnels, Secretary; Nancy Norman, Treasurer.

## Music Makers

The Chorus consists of about forty-two girls. Two of the main activities of the chorus are a spring concert and a Christmas concert. Every year, the members select two girls to attend the All State Band and Chorus Clinic, which is held at the University of Illinois. Throughout the year, the chorus attends clinics and sings for various organizations in town. The chorus sends individuals and groups to district and state contests.

The BCHS Marching Band, Twirlers, and Letter Girls as shown in marching formation.





Rita Dungy, President; Della Sue Ezell, Vice-president; Arlene Pickard, Treasurer; Marilyn Lewis, Secretary; Mr. Ernest Shepard, Sponsor.



Ted Donosky, President; Diana Shew, Vice-president; Jack Monroe, Secretary; Edith Reed, Treasurer; Miss Margaret Armentrout, Sponsor.

## Bonjour Mes Amis

The French Club was organized in 1959. The French students, who are quickly learning how to speak French in their French classes, are eligible to join the meetings at the noon hour. At these meetings and during their class periods, they frequently see movies, listen to records, and sing old French folk songs. Some of their activities this past year have been a float in the Homecoming Parade, a dance after a basketball game, and a poodle dog raffle.

## Caesar's Little Army

The Latin Club is one of the most notable clubs of BCHS. Caesar's Army, which is the Latin II students, along with some assist from Cicero, Latin III students, make up this club. The purpose of the club is to learn about the life, customs, and tributes of the Romans.

Throughout the year, the Latin Club has a dance after the game, raffles off "three slaves for a day," takes part in the Echo Carnival, and has a float in the Homecoming Parade. The big event of the year is the Saturnalia, which takes place in December. All the members come dressed as the Romans did and have a big feast, such as the Romans might have had.



## All American Boys

The Hi-Y, a branch of the state YMCA, is one of the oldest organizations in the school. It was started in the 1920's. The Hi-Y is open to all boys in the school.

The creed of this organization is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, the school, and the community, high standards of Christian character. The motto is clean living, clean speech, clean sportsmanship, and good scholarship. The group usually has a dinner annually to induct the new members. The Hi-Y now consists of thirty-one members.

Austin Story, President; John Phillips, Vice-president; Larry Dugger, Secretary; Bill Haskins, Treasurer; Bob Bridges, Chaplain; Mr. Ernest Shepard, Sponsor.



## A Shot in the Right Direction

The Future Nurses Club is a club for girls who are interested in practical or professional nursing as their careers. Some of the purposes of the club are to promote better understanding and interest in healthful living and to interest students in personal and community health. Through the FNC many of its members work as nurses aides at the Franklin Hospital. Last year, the FNC received its national charter from the National League of Nurses.

Roberta German, President; Avis Fierberg, Vice-president; Janet Keelen, Secretary; Mary Ellen Hedges, Treasurer; Miss Verbal Adkisson, Sponsor.





Sandra Chance, President; Cathy Whittier, Vice-president; Mary Ann Eskew, Secretary; Morjorie Cox, Treasurer; Miss Margaret Armentrout, Sponsor.



## Follow the Gleam

Hi-Tri includes all the girls of BCHS. The aims of the Hi-Tri are friendship, courtesy, pleasure, loyalty, and success. These aims are carried out through the spring, fall, and winter conferences which the Hi-Tri girls attend in various towns and sometimes are the hostesses. The Hi-Tri also participates in many activities such as the Spring Dances, Freshman Initiation and Tea, Heart Sister Week, Mother-Daughter Banquet, and entering a float in the Homecoming Parade. Hi-Tri helps the girls make friends and brings about pleasure through wholesome entertainment within the school.



The Youth for Christ is one of the largest clubs at BCHS. The club now consists of 153 members. The purpose of this club is to spread the feeling and learning of Christianity throughout the school. The main ideal of this club is the fact that the members have faith and pride to stand up for Christianity.

Throughout the year the club has several meetings at various different churches. Youth for Christ tries to include all the different denominations. The club also has many activities such as hayrides, float for the Homecoming Parade, and selling various items to raise money for the club.



Nancy Peyton, President; Mary Alice Jones, Vice-president; Robert Terry, Secretary; Sondra Hartman, Treasurer; Mrs. Alberta Hidritch, Sponsor.

## The Guiding Light





Linda Smith, President; Reita Dugy, Vice-president; Rosemary Sanders, Secretary; Karin Canada, Treasurer; Miss Mary Webb and Mrs. Lucille Craddock, Sponsors.

Future Homemakers of America of BCHS is one of the most active clubs in high school. To become a member, one must have completed one semester of home economics and participated in five activities.

## Workers With a Purpose

This club has many activities plus an active part in decorating for the Homecoming and other school dances. FHA has many fund raising projects such as raffling candy and cookies, and selling hot dogs on rainy days. Other activities include National FHA Week, Farmer's Ball, style show, courtesy week, hobo day, and monthly evening meetings.







Gary Sink, President; Stephen Deiro, Vice-president; Brenda Midyett, Secretary; Lana Barminski, Treasurer; Miss Elna Morrison, Sponsor.

## Figuring Little Minds

The Math Club consists of juniors and seniors. To be a member of this club, a student must have a B+ average in Algebra and a B average in all other subjects. The club is a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, a national honorary society for exceptional math students in high school. The Math Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of the month. At these meetings, the members discuss their future plans and work problems of interest.

The purpose of the Math Club is to give its members a better knowledge of math and to get them better acquainted with the uses of math. Also it prepares its members for tests which are given by the Mathematical Association of America. Another project is to get some of its members prepared for Math Field Day at Carbondale, Illinois.

During the year the club has a few meetings for pleasure and fun. At these meetings the members work mathematical puzzles and mathematical stories. The Math Club has many activities throughout the year such as sponsoring dances, having a booth at the Echo Carnival, and entering a float in the Homecoming Parade. Near the end of school, the club usually takes a trip to some nearby park for a picnic.





Marjorie Cox, President; Larry Bruno, Vice-president; Barbara Blunt, Secretary; Mary Alice Jones, Treasurer; David Dalby, Parliamentarian; Lynn Knapp, Chaplain; Bill Haskins, Sergeant at arms; Mr. John R. Miller, Sponsor.



Bill Haskins, President; Sue Webb, Vice-president; Lynn Knapp, Secretary; Rosemary Rice, Treasurer; Mr. John Miller, Sponsor.

## School's Spokesmen

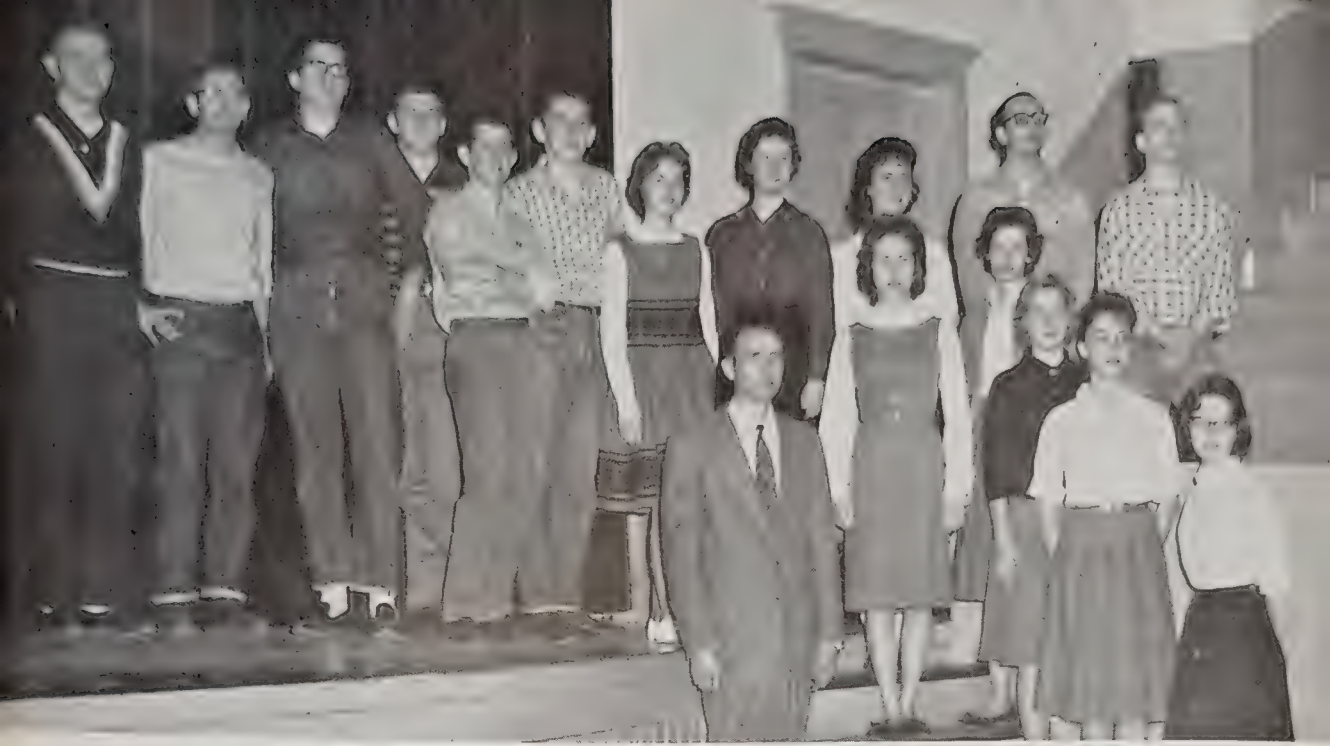
The Speech Club of BCHS is open to any student taking speech. This club has become of major importance in speech tournaments. The club usually has a float in the Homecoming Parade and an annual picnic. Also, the members participate in debates and many other speech activities.

## Future Hamlets

The Thespian Club consists of students who take part in the junior and senior plays, and students who are interested in dramatics. The students must have a certain number of merits before they are recognized members of the club.

The members must participate in a speech contest or in a debate. The club has been of major importance in speech tournaments.





Junior Play cast, stage managers, and director.

## Practice Makes Perfect? Well We Practiced

The Junior Play, *Ask Any Girl* was presented on November 18. The story is about Meg Wheeler who is a young girl just out of college and has always been well taken care of by her parents. She and two of her

stern aunts go to New York. Miles Daughton's younger brother, Evon is the one she is supposed to be in love with, but she finds out that it's really Miles whom she loves.

Hello! Mom, I found a job.





Sue Webb, President; Sharon Strubble, Vice-president; Rita Wiggs, Secretary; Diana Upchurch, Treasurer; Jo Wertz, Sports Manager; Janice Summers, Points Manager; Miss Pat Holada, Sponsor.

## Co-ordination, Speed and Skill



The Girls Athletic Association is an organization for girls who are interested in sports. The purposes of Girls Athletic Association are to create an interest in athletics, teach better sportsmanship, and promote ideas in health. Twice a year the girls participate in a playday held in different towns in the district. Throughout the year, the girls have basketball and volleyball tournaments in the old gym. Some of their activities include hayrides, skating, bowling, and other sports.



## Fleeting Moments

The History Club is a very active club at BCHS. To be a member of the History Club, a person must have an interest in history. The members of the club study the history of Illinois, the history of the world, and the history of local places of interest. One of the yearly projects of the club is to take a trip to some historical spot in Illinois. The History Club meetings are held regularly every second and fourth Wednesday at noon.



Gary May, President; Bill Kerley, Vice-president; Phyllis McAfoos, Secretary; Avis Fierberg, Treasurer; Mrs. Alberta Hidritch, Sponsor.

## Patching the Pages

The Library Club consists of eight members. Their job is to help the students in study hall find books for book reports or for their own enjoyment. One member serves as librarian each hour.

The club has regularly scheduled meetings every first and third Thursday. On the third Thursday of

each month each member gives a book review on a non-fiction book.



Sharon Koschuch, President; Donna Norcross, Vice-president; Sue Woolard, Secretary - Treasurer; Mrs. Louise Little, Sponsor.



Terry Smothers, President; Austin Story, Vice-president; Donna Rock, Secretary; Rosemary Rice, Treasurer; Carol Runnels, Parliamentarian; Virginia Knight, Songleader; Jeanette Dann, Historian; David Upchurch, Librarian; Carol Runnels, Publicity and Reporter; Miss Margaret Armentrout, Sponsor.



William Kettelman, President; Jack Potts, Vice-president; Carolyn Sears, Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. Dallas Rea, Sponsor.

## To Teach is to Serve

The Future Teachers of America is an organization of students who are interested in teaching. The aim of the Future Teachers of America is to give students an outlook on teaching. Students in the FTA attend different workshops and watch over classes in the absence of teachers. The club consists of forty-three members this year.

## On the Job

The Diversified Occupations Club furnishes vocational on-the-job training to those students who do not plan to attend college and wish to learn a trade or occupation. The members attend morning classes and work at the job which they hope to make a career of in the afternoon.



## Blue Jacket Boys

The Future Farmers of America, founded in 1929, is a national organization for boys which provides a study of vocational agriculture in public secondary schools. Most of the boys live on farms or are connected with them in some way. The purpose of this club is to observe modern methods of farming and new machinery.

During the year, the Future Farmers of America takes part in many activities such as judging poultry, grain, and land, entering an exhibit in the Echo Carnival, electing a Sweetheart Queen, entering a float in Homecoming Parade, entering livestock in the Franklin County and Du Quoin Fairs, and presenting the annual Farmer's Ball along with the Future Homemakers of America.

Gary Hutchcraft, President; Dennis Kern, Vice-president; Mike Robertson, Secretary; Ray Pickard, Treasurer; Mr. B. L. Finley, Sponsor.



## Tomorrow's Business VIP's

The Future Business Leaders of America is a national organization which is composed of juniors and seniors interested in business operations and procedures. Its purpose is to develop leadership and to acquaint the members with actual business working conditions.

Future Business Leaders of America conducts many money making projects such as selling candy and magazines. After they have reached a certain goal by selling magazines, they take a trip. As one of their many activities, they enter a float in the Homecoming Parade.

Rosie Stull, President; Sondra Hartman, Secretary; Sandra Webb, Treasurer; Linda Cochrum, reporter; Mrs. Marjorie Trulove, Sponsor.





#### THE OFFICERS

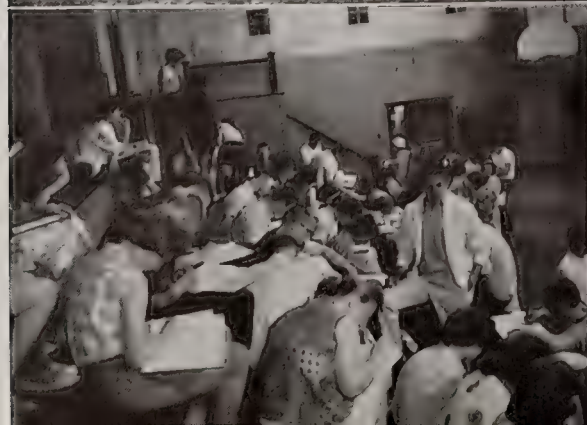
Beverly Kollisek, President; Dee Rice Vice-President; Karen Candada, Secretary-Treasurer; John R. Miller, sponsor.

## The New Lookers

The Make-Up Club consists of fourteen members. Three girls are selected their freshman year by the older members of the club. Each girl is then a permanent member for all four years of high school.

The club is very active. The club members make up one specific character for each one of the plays. They sold hand warmers at the football games and had several raffles during the year.

The club meets at least three times a month. At Christmas time, the members of the club made favors and distributed them to the people in nursing homes.







Sports . . .  
The Rangers go for Victory.

## Homecoming

"Who will be the Homecoming Queen of 1960?" was the question asked for weeks before the dance. The suspense finally came to a climax at 10:15 p.m. when Miss Sharon McCollum was escorted to the throne by the football co-captains and crowned Homecoming Queen of 1960!

The theme for this year's dance was "Wonderland by Night" and the gym was beautifully decorated in orchid and silver.

Homecoming is always a big affair. Not only is it a football game, a dance, a queen, and a parade; but it is a meeting of all friends and vision of familiar faces.

The attendants were: Lana Barminski and Mary Ann Eskew, seniors; Judy Tate and Crystal Taylor, juniors; Judy Pate and Jody Harris, sophomores; and Jane Potts and Betsy Payne, freshmen.



## Royal Moments



*The Queen  
and her court*





MARY ANN ESKEW



LANA BARMINSKI



JUDY TATE



CRYSTAL TAYLOR



QUEEN SHARON MCCOLLUM

## *Attendants*

JODY HARRIS



JUDY PATE



BETSY PAYNE



JANE POTTS





## Football Requires People



Benton got off to a victorious start during the 1960 season by defeating four tough teams. Then came the Cenralia Orphans and the Mt. Vernon Rams who defeated the Rangers. Eldorado held them to a tie and Christopher fell easily. The next game was with the rival West Frankfort Red Birds. Despite expectations, the Rangers suffered their third loss of the year. Nevertheless, the Ranger squad, throughout the year, played football in a way that will attain them a place in the famous Ranger ranks.





The Rangers drive hard into the tough West Frankfort line.

## To Train and Work Together

Rangers close in for the tackle.

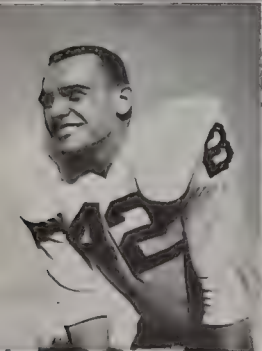




JERRY STRINGER  
Fullback  
Co-captain



MIKE MOSS  
Guard  
Co-captain



ERNEST DUCKWORTH  
Halfback  
Back of Year



GENE MILLER  
End  
Lineman of Year

## Varsity Lettermen

The Benton Rangers had 22 lettermen this year, thirteen were seniors and nine juniors. These deserving boys played hard the year through. Most of them participated in every game, however, some were sidelined with injuries.

Perhaps these "60" players will be remembered more for their fighting spirit than for their victories, because every time they played, win or lose, their sportsmanship and tremendous will to win was felt by all.

TERRY THOMAS  
End

HAROLD SMITH  
Tackle

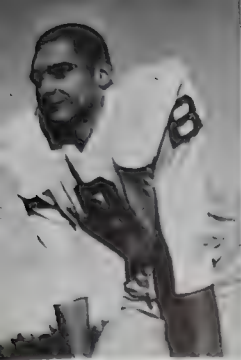
BOB ORCHID  
Center

WILEY HALL  
Quarterback

RICHARD DAVIS  
Tackle







Danny Falcomata  
*Halfback*



Gene Mitchell  
*Center*



Terry Cook  
*Tackle*



David Hall  
*Tackle*



Butch Reed  
*Guard*



Barry Williams  
*Tackle*



Stephen Deiro  
*Guard*



Richard Lenard  
*End*



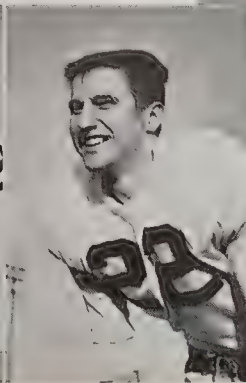
Gordon Rice  
*Guard*

Ronnie Lynch  
*Guard*

Randy Hungate  
*Halfback*

Phil Darnell  
*Halfback*

Tommy Threewitt  
*Halfback*





Back Row: J. Lynch, J. Conner, S. Deiro, T. Threewitt, R. Lynch, D. Manis, D. Hall, D. Falcomata, M. Owens, R. Lenard, M. Reed, R. Giacone, P. Darnell, Coach Herrin. Front Row: J. Brandibas, R. Hungate, T. Thomas, P. Davis, B. Williams, M. Moss, J. Stringer, T. Cook, G. Miller, G. Mitchell, E. Duckworth, H. Smith, B. Orchid, Manager, D. Piazza.

Varsity

Football

Frosh-Soph



First Row: R. Morris, H. Jerrells, T. Payne, R. Adams, M. Lynch, L. Spillman, L. Saxe, W. McCommons, J. Spencer, R. Crawford, H. Johnson. Second Row: W. Watson, J. McRoy, B. Owens, R. Threlkeld, D. Webb, H. Winemiller, L. Summers, K. Tate, J. Sandusky, J. Darr, K. Wheat, D. Burberry. Back Row: Coach Stewart, J. Pemberton, W. George, E. Sneed, M. Adams, F. Kondritz, P. Leffler, M. Franklin, D. Smith, C. Bennett, L. Shockley, M. Darnell.





## Coaches

The new BCBS coaching staff is one of fine quality. These men spend many extra hours in hard training with the athletes. They show the boys as well as tell them the way the game is to be played. This year's staff consists of Athletic Director, Glenn Truelove; Coaches, Richard Herrin, Jim Lynch, and Harry Stewart.



## Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders of BCBS are a very active group of girls. They are the ones who cheer the team on to victory at every football and basketball game, and they also plan and are in charge of all pep sessions. They encourage students to back the team by attending games, and they boost the morale of the Rangers by giving them needed support. The varsity cheerleaders are Diana Shew, Carolyn Davis, Judy Short, Donna White, and Mary Lou Chance. The junior varsity cheerleaders are Jane Potts, Vicky Lampley, Judy Pate, Betsy Payne, and Jody Harris.



## Managers

Hey buddy! Give me a towel!

The managers spend most of their time keeping the team in tip-top shape. They are the men who are always in a hurry. They also compute various statistics about the team. This year, Don Piazza, Warren Stewart, Rodney Goessman, and Richard Bethel handled their task efficiently.





## Basketball . . . Our Team Was



Back row: Gene Miller, Robert rawford, Bill Kerley, Tom Whittington, Terry Thomas, Ronnie Head. Front row: Coach Richard Herrin, Dean Manis, Mark Kern, Ernest Duckworth, Bob Orchid, Wiley Hall.





## RED HOT!

The 1961 Rangers were the only Ranger squad in twenty-eight years to enter into the "Elite Eight" bracket. Their brilliant play inspired sport fans throughout the state.

The "Cinderella Team" started their surge by stopping a strong Johnston City squad in the Regional Tournament finals at West Frankfort. The Sectional Tournament presented no easier task as the Rangers surpassed both Carmi and McLeansboro to attain that crown also. The determination to keep on winning was now fixed in the hearts of every Ranger and Ranger fan.

The team again upset the predictions by thoroughly outclassing and outplaying a taller Belleville team to win the "Super Sectional."

Champaign was the next stop for the young Ranger "Five" which consisted of four juniors and one sophomore. There they were beaten in the state play-offs by Peoria Manual; however, it took a cold Ranger fourth quarter and an overtime before the boys could be overcome.





# They Scored and Scored Again





Regional

Sectional

State

The victorious Rangers; next stop Champaign.



“Elite Eight” . . .

The Pride of the South

Two more points coming up!





Tom Whittington



Terry Thomas



Wiley Hall

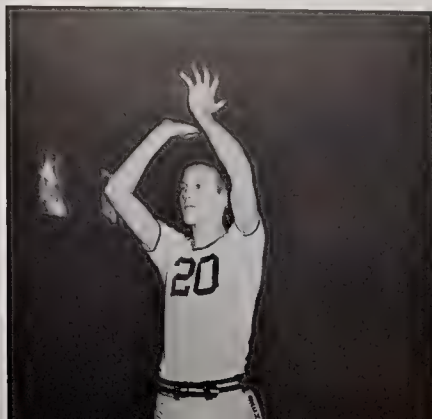
## Varsity Squad

The 1961 Rangers had an "up and down" season. They did not show up too well in their conference rankings, but throughout the regular season gave their fans many impressive victories. When tournament time arrived the Rangers poured on the steam. No team in Southern Illinois could stop them from joining the "Elite Eight."

Bob Crawford



Bob Orchid



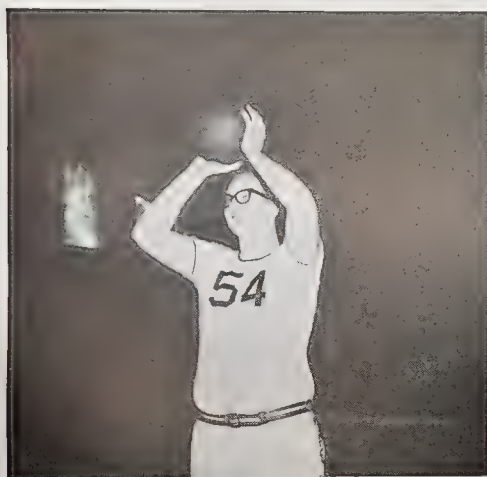




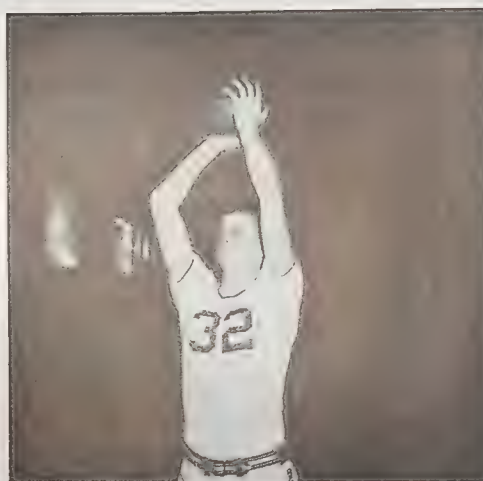
Ronnie Head



Gene Miller



Bill Kerley

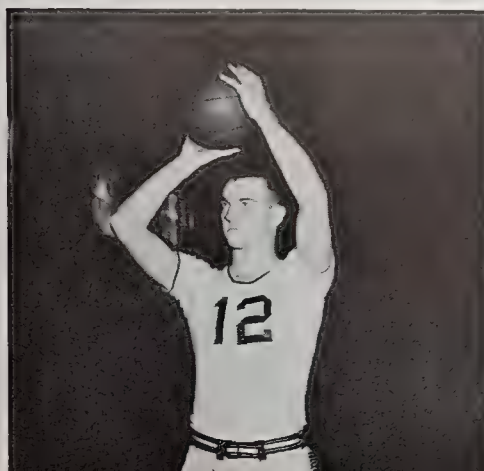


Mark Kern

Dean Manis



Ernest Duckworth





FRESHMAN SQUAD—Front row: K. Tale, D. Seibert, R. Dallapa, J. Sandusky, H. Winmiller, M. Franklin. Back row: Coach Trulove,

L. Shockley, M. Adams, C. Hunter, D. Webb, R. Baumgarle, C. Bennett.

## Underclassmen Basketball

FROSH-SOPH SQUAD—Back row: R. Pickard, B. Spillman, J. Monroe, C. Bennett, B. Owens, H. Stewart. Front row: L. Saxe,

O. Summers, D. Hefner, J. Darr, M. Livesay, W. Watson.





# Scoreboard

## VARSITY FOOTBALL RESULTS

	WE	THEY
Benton vs Metropolis - - -	19	0
Benton vs Marion - - -	7	6
Benton vs Murphysboro - - -	15	7
Benton vs Herrin - - -	20	6
Benton vs Centralia - - -	0	48
Benton vs Mt. Vernon - - -	7	27
Benton vs Eldorado - - -	13	13
Benton vs Harrisburg - - -	19	12
Benton vs Christopher - - -	32	0
Benton vs West Frankfort - - -	7	13

## FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL RESULTS

	WE	THEY
Benton vs Metropolis - - -	41	12
Benton vs Marion - - -	19	0
Benton vs Murphysboro - - -	6	28
Benton vs Herrin - - -	12	20
Benton vs Centralia - - -	6	39
Benton vs Mt. Vernon - - -	9	0
Benton vs Eldorado - - -	40	13
Benton vs Harrisburg - - -	7	7
Benton vs West Frankfort - - -	14	7

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL RESULTS

	WE	THEY
Benton vs Eldorado - - -	6	33
Benton vs Herrin - - -	0	46
Benton vs Mt. Vernon - - -	0	27
Benton vs Christopher - - -	6	21
Benton vs West Frankfort - - -	31	0
Benton vs Harrisburg - - -	6	29
Benton vs Carbondale - - -	6	33

## VARSITY BASKETBALL RESULTS

Benton - - -	78	Christopher - - -	33
Benton - - -	39	Mt. Vernon - - -	43
Benton - - -	51	Marion - - -	53
Benton - - -	53	Herrin - - -	61
Benton - - -	67	Eldorado - - -	56
Benton - - -	65	Harrisburg - - -	64
Benton - - -	50	Johnston City - - -	55
Benton - - -	56	West Frankfort - - -	70
Benton - - -	52	Mt. Vernon - - -	50
Benton - - -	54	Marion - - -	59
Benton - - -	58	West Frankfort - - -	61
Benton - - -	54	Herrin - - -	53
Benton - - -	51	Harrisburg - - -	71
Benton - - -	41	Centralia - - -	65
Benton - - -	66	Du Quoin - - -	49
Benton - - -	70	McLeansboro - - -	57
Benton - - -	60	Murphysboro - - -	45
Benton - - -	56	Centralia - - -	70

## FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL RESULTS

Benton - - -	45	Christopher - - -	30
Benton - - -	31	Mt. Vernon - - -	42
Benton - - -	43	Marion - - -	47
Benton - - -	37	Herrin - - -	65
Benton - - -	30	Eldorado - - -	27
Benton - - -	43	Harrisburg - - -	45
Benton - - -	48	Johnston City - - -	42
Benton - - -	55	West Frankfort - - -	58
Benton - - -	51	Mt. Vernon - - -	50
Benton - - -	58	Marion - - -	49
Benton - - -	53	West Frankfort - - -	45
Benton - - -	57	Herrin - - -	75
Benton - - -	55	Harrisburg - - -	63
Benton - - -	37	Centralia - - -	67
Benton - - -	59	Du Quoin - - -	64
Benton - - -	51	McLeansboro - - -	48
Benton - - -	47	Murphysboro - - -	48
Benton - - -	41	Centralia - - -	63
Benton - - -	52	McLeansboro - - -	54

## CENTRALIA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Benton - - -	59	Granite City - - -	51
Benton - - -	46	Centralia - - -	76

## DU QUOIN TOURNAMENT

Benton - - -	53	Zeigler - - -	50
Benton - - -	56	Murphysboro - - -	42
Benton - - -	41	Carbondale - - -	51

## REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Benton - - -	63	Galatia - - -	38
Benton - - -	59	West Frankfort - - -	57
Benton - - -	55	Johnston City - - -	52

## SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Benton - - -	65	Carmi - - -	50
Benton - - -	53	McLeansboro - - -	52

## STATE TOURNAMENT

Benton - - -	65	Belleville - - -	59
Benton - - -	51	Peoria Manual - - -	54



*Standing:* J. Kimmel, T. Whittington, B. Kerley, B. Chapman, B. Crawford, B. Orchid, G. Miller, T. Thomas, J. Darr. *Middle:* G. Cole, W. Stewart, R. Beline, B. Hedges, R. Bryant, W. Hall, E. Duckworth, J. Holman, R. Head,

J. Brandibas. *Bottom:* R. Roberson, S. Williams, M. Reed, R. Hungate, T. Threewitt, T. Saxe, L. Bugess, R. Pickard, L. Saxe, D. Williams, A. Doty.

## Track . . .

### 1960 Track

The Benton Rangers had a fairly successful season in track and field last year. They did not win all of their meets, but their performances did show promise of their returning to the winning ranks. Those who scored consistently last year were: Larry Burgess, a senior pole vaulter; Bill Kerley, a junior shot and disk man; Gene Miller, a junior 880 runner; Joe Kimmel, a speedy senior 440 sprinter; and Ronnie Betine, a senior dash man. These Rangers placed in every meet.







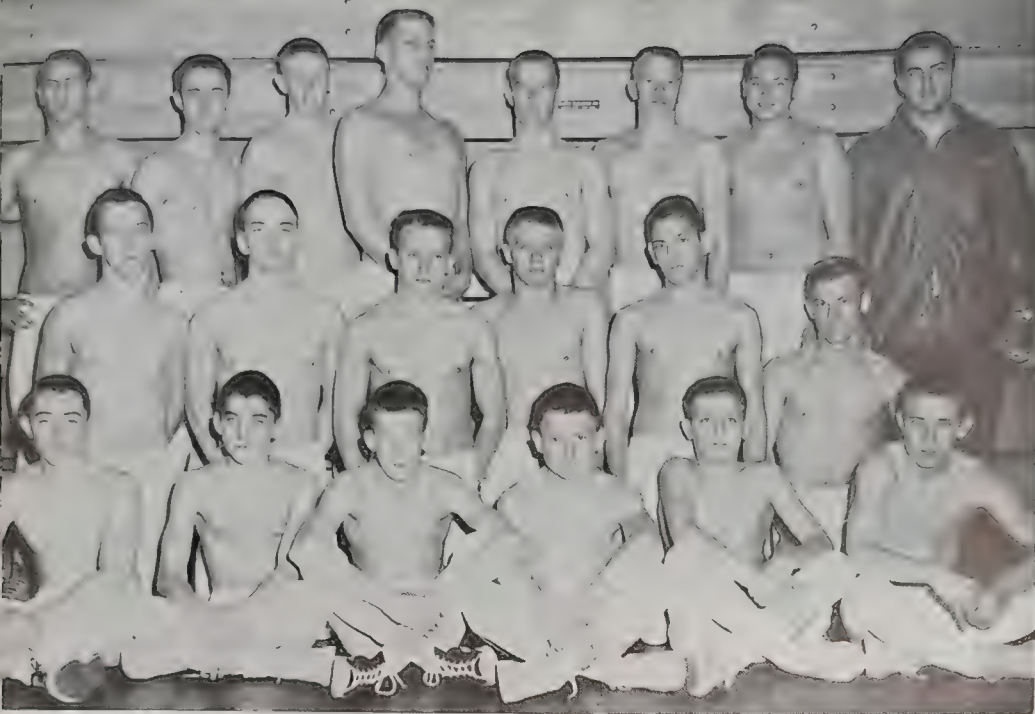
## Builds the Individual

The Rangers were hampered because of the few upperclassmen on the varsity squad. However, the Junior Rangers, who won the Freshman-Sophomore South Seven Meet, helped make up the difference. These freshmen and sophomores showed many qualities which could give the Rangers a good team in the years to come.

Benton's state nominees were Larry Burgess and

Joe Kimmel, but neither placed. They were not the only members from Southern Illinois who failed to break the tape. Many fine athletes from the southern and central parts of the state found it rough sledding against the northern athletes. Perhaps the lengthy basketball seasons or the lack of facilities for the inside tracks were the deciding factors.





## Wrestling

Wrestling has come to Benton! Wrestling now dominates a fourth sport at BCHS along with basketball, football, and track. Wrestling has been very popular in its first year at BCHS with 45 boys turning out for Coach Lynch to work with. Benton has the only wrestling team

in Franklin county and the South Seven Conference.

In the three meets held Benton defeated Murphysboro twice and was defeated by Carbondale once.







Bob Orchid, President; Tom Threewitt, Vice-president; Diana Upchurch, Secretary; Earnest Duckworth, Treasurer; Miss Etna Morrison and Mr. H. M. Aiken, Sponsors.

## Class of 1962

As "Jolly Juniors" we are sitting on top of the world. We've learned all, or most of the in's and out's of high school life and are now prepared to have one last glorious year as seniors. We have known the glory of being upperclassmen and feel we are ready to take over where the seniors left off.

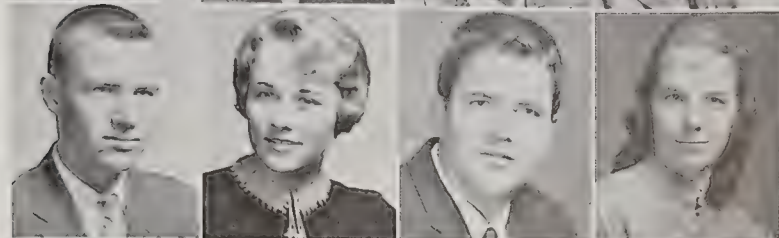
This year has really been a big year for us! We received our class rings, presented the junior play, "Ask Any Girl," and were hostesses to the seniors at the Junior-Senior Reception.



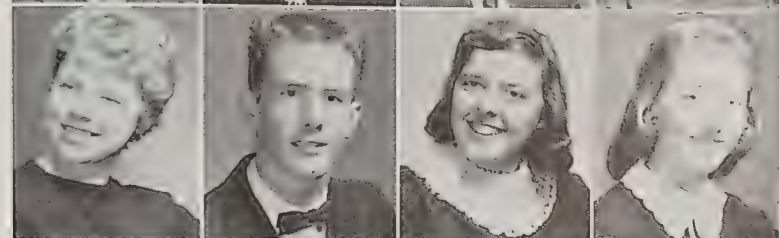
# This Has Really Been a Year!



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Adams, Doris  
Alexander, Daniel  
Anderson, Joyce



Bain, Kenneth  
Baker, Thelma  
Barlow, Charles  
Barnfield, Juanita



Barrell, Paula  
Beattie, Gary  
Beattie, Priscilla  
Betine, Barbara



Bixler, Patricia  
Blagg, Donna  
Border, John  
Buntin, Shirley



Cantrell, Nina  
Carlton, Ann Ruth  
Chance, Mary Lou  
Cockrum, Linda



Conner, Bill  
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Conner, Sharon  
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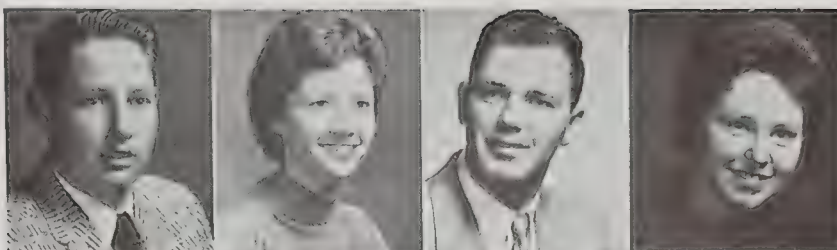


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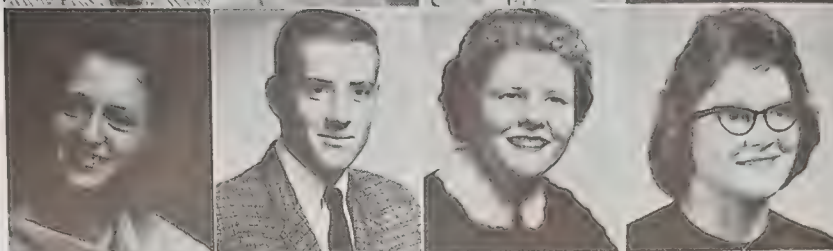


# Our Class Rings Are Sharp

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Davis, Roberta



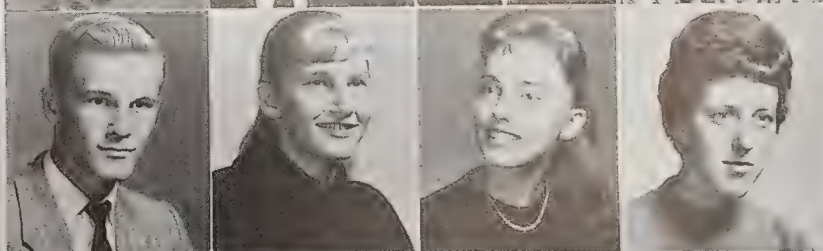
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Ezell, Sue Della  
Fielden, Sheila  
Flatt, Connie



Frailey, Patty  
Frick, Jack  
Fryer, Winona  
Gant, Jean



Giacone, Ronnie  
Goodin, Mary  
Gunter, Curtis  
Hall, Evelyn



Hall, Wiley  
Haney, Bill  
Haney, Carole  
Head, Ronnie



# Our Play a Hit



Hefner, David  
Hill, Susan  
Holman, Judy  
Hughes, Mary Ann

Hungate, Randy  
Johnston, Lou Ann  
Keelen, Janet  
Kerley, Sue

Kerley, Kay  
Kern, Martha  
Kern, Kirk  
Lampley, Cheryl

Link, Janice  
Lynch, Ronnie  
Manis, Dean  
McCann, Jerry

McClearn, Judith  
McClerren, Candace  
McEndree, Tom  
McKinnon, Judy

Messersmith, Gary  
Moore, Linda  
Moore, Terry  
Neal, Betty Lou

Neal, Paul  
Nix, Ricky  
Orchid, Bob  
Overturf, Betty



# Our Prom . . . the Best!

Paulavish, Toni  
Pedigo, Lela  
Perry, Jerry  
Phillips, Jean



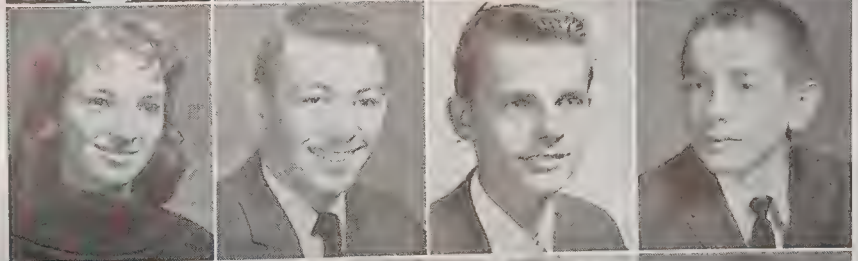
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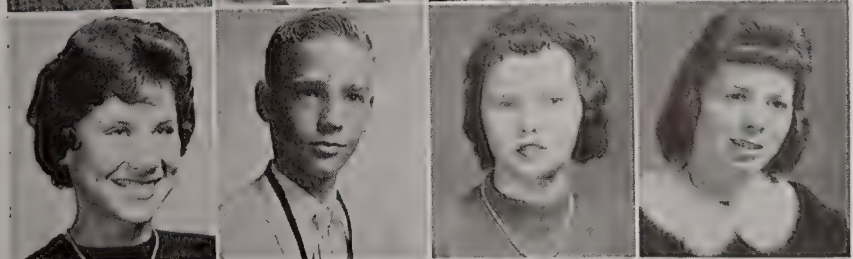
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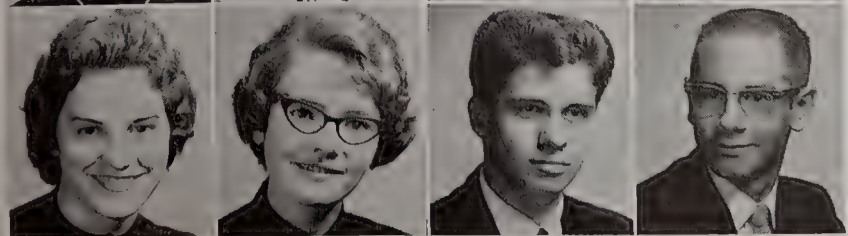
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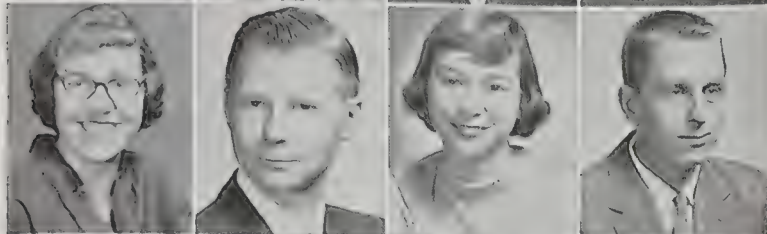
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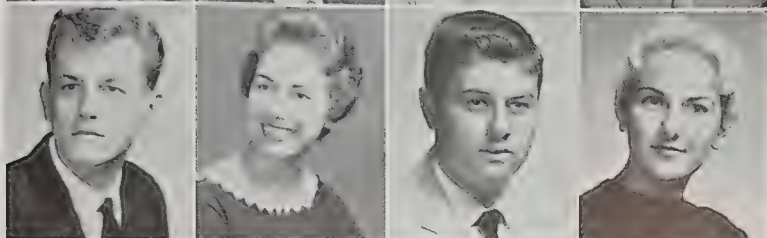
# We Feel We Are Capable



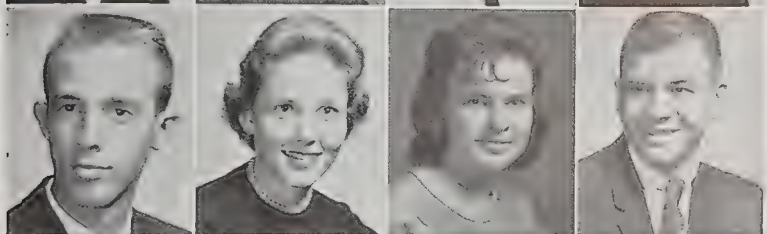
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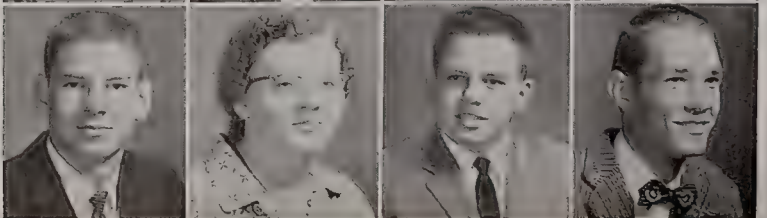
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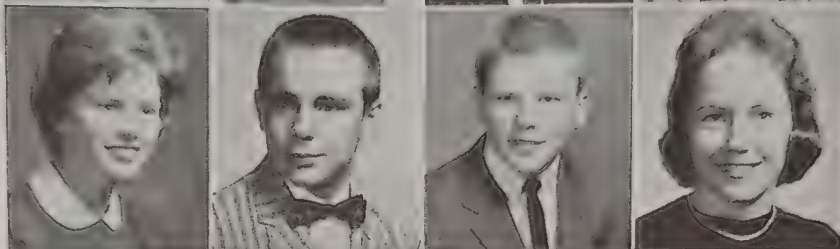


# To Assume Senior Responsibilities

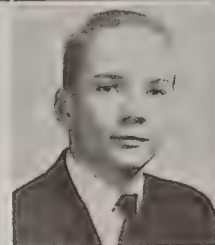
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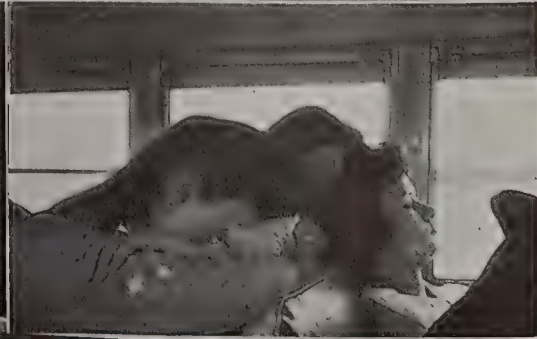
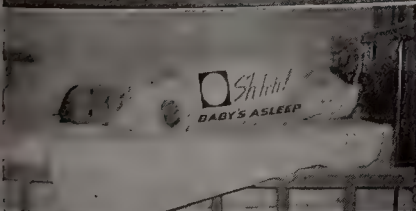
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Brooks, Donnie

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Graham, Peggy

Groves, Georgia  
Joplin, Mike  
McPherson, Gerald

Pace, Patsy  
Smith, John  
Williams, Ronnie





Bill Owens, President; Mike Gulley, Vice-president; Jack Monroe, Secretary; Gretchen VanLeer, Treasurer; Mrs. Mildred Neal and Mr. Edward Miller, Sponsors.

## Class of 1963



As "Silly Sophomores," no longer do we wander through the halls of BCHS in dazed bewilderment as we did in our freshman year. Since September we have been lowly, but respected sophomores.

One of our main responsibilities this year was working in the concession stands during the football and basketball seasons. Two of the many other activities which we entered into were the *Echo* Carnival and a float in the Homecoming Parade.

Being somewhat more mature now, we are about to discard the title of "silly" and acquire a new one — "jolly." This indicates a new year and an adventure as upperclassmen.

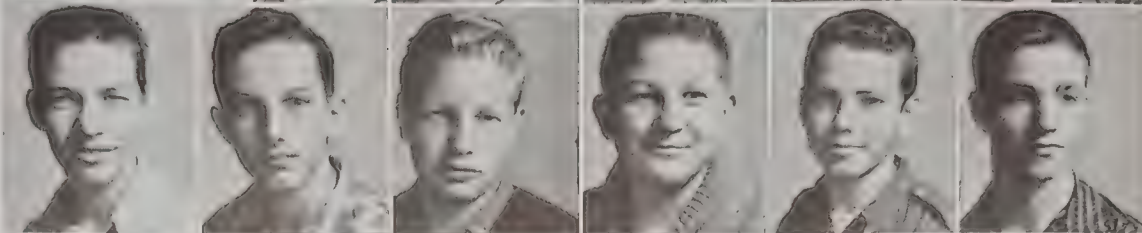


# Wise and Foolish Sophomores We Have Been

Absher, Sharon  
Adams, Carol  
Adams, Roy  
Alexander, Archie  
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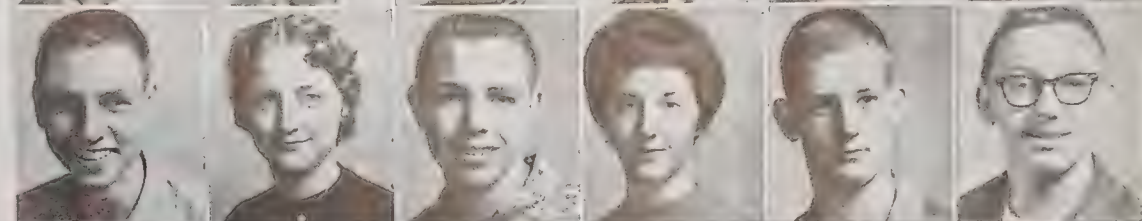
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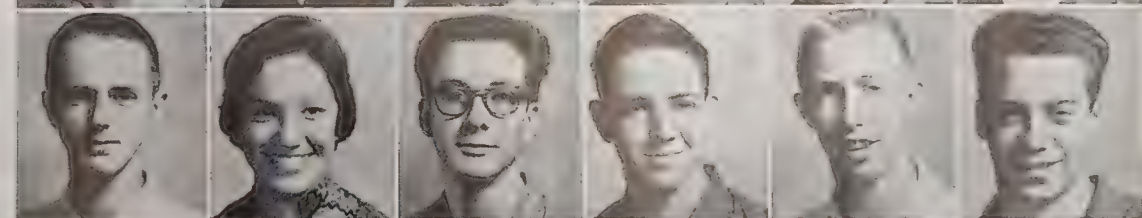
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Harmon, Max  
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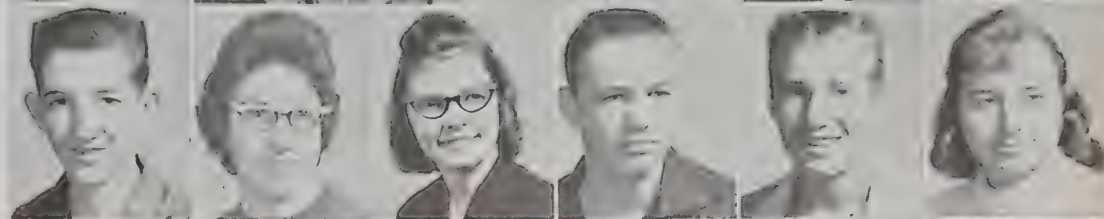
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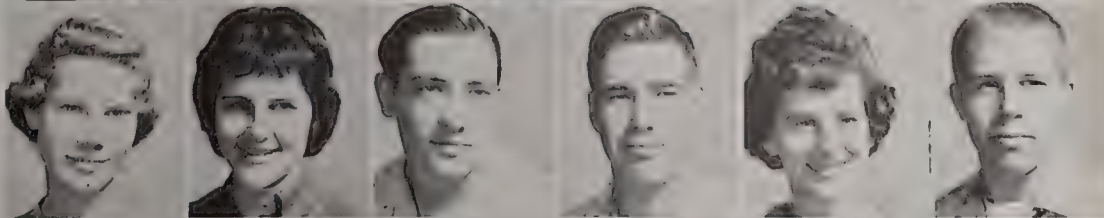
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Williams, Stanley



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Williamson, Warren  
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Wright, David



Wyant, Don

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As "Green Freshmen" we were rather bewildered during the first few days and perhaps all year, but now we have finally settled down in our new home and have advanced not only educationally but socially also.

We have participated in many school activities and have begun a new life for ourselves. We have become acquainted with many students and teachers.

Our first year at BCHS was a memorable one, but we are anxiously awaiting our next three years.

## As People Gathered at BCHS



Absher, Francis William  
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 Bryant, Ronnie  
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 Bullington, Susan  
 Burberry, David  
 Burwell, Alana  
 Burzynski, Sharon  
 Cairel, Janice  
 Campbell, Emma Lou  
 Campbell, Helen  
 Cardwell, Sandra  
 Cardwell, Sharon  
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 Carter, Howard  
 Chapman, Cheryl  
 Clark, Terry  
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 Cook, Irene  
 Cook, John  
 Cook, Nancy  
 Craig, Jesse  
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 Darnell, Mark  
 Darr, Linda  
 Davis, Jim  
 Davis, Joe  
 Davis, Robert  
 Dethrow, Janet  
 Dittmer, Sam



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Downs, Silas  
 Drake, Judy  
 Dreon, Wanda  
 Drew, Dewayne  
 Duckworth, Shirley  
 Duncan, Terry  
 Eaton, Ronelyn  
 Elam, David  
 Elam, Jerry  
 Finley, Johnny  
 Fitzgerald, Sharon  
 Flannigan, Patricia  
 Fletcher, Pauletta  
 Forsythe, Sandy  
 Fowler, Danny  
 Fowler, Jackie  
 Frailey, Carole Sue  
 Franklin, Mike  
 Frick, Don  
 Frost, Jack  
 Funcanon, Deloris  
 Furlong, Barbara  
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 Glover, Rosemary  
 Glover, Sandra  
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 Hankins, Gloria  
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 Herrmann, Gyla  
 Hobbs, Sue  
 Hollaway, Jama  
 Holman, Marilyn  
 Holman, Peggy  
 Hood, Norma  
 Hunter, Clark  
 Hutchcraft, Donald  
 Hutchinson, Phyllis  
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 Johnson, Jan  
 Johnson, Kenneth  
 Johnston, Lynn  
 Karnes, Mack  
 Keigley, Frankie  
 Kimmel, Patsy  
 King, Wayne  
 Kirkman, Marsha  
 Kleine, Joe  
 Knight, David



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Knight, Linda  
 Kondritz, Fred  
 Lampley, Billie  
 Lampley, Paul  
 Lampley, Sue  
 La Porte, Vicki  
 Leffler, Judy  
 Lewis, Paul  
 Lewis, Judy  
 Lewis, Marilyn  
 Linn, David  
 Loss, Arlene  
 Ludwig, Sidney  
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 Martin, Ginger  
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 Odum, Thurleen  
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 Owens, Mary  
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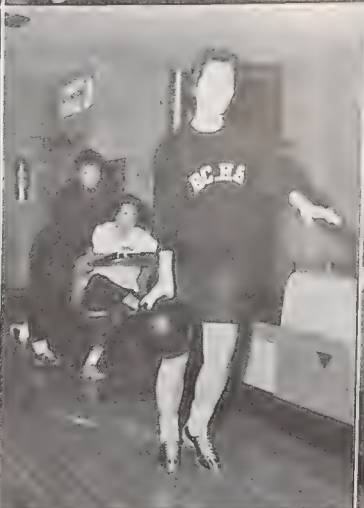
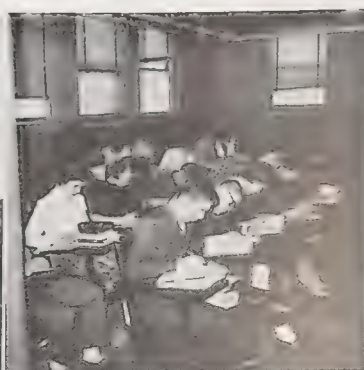
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 Watson, Warren  
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 Webb, Pam  
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 Williams, Wendy  
 Wilson, Paul  
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